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FOR AMBASSADOR SAMUELS

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SUBJ: MINING INTEREST IN SIERRA LEONE

REF: STATE 299723

1. REGRETFULLY BOTH MINISTER KAWUSU-KNOTEH AND DEPUTY MINISTER CONTEH OUT OF TOWN AND NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN UNTIL DEC 15. IN THEIR ABSENCE ONLY PERSON WITH WHOM I COULD DISCUSS MATTER WAS MRS. DEIGH. SHE SEEMED UNAWARE OF STATUS OF TYE APPLICATION FOR NIMINI HILLS AREA AND HAD TO MAKE SEVERAL CALLS BEFORE BEING ABLE TO REPLY MY QUERY.

2. SHE SAID APPLICATION STILL WAS BEING PROCESSED, BUT THAT MINISTER KAWUSU-KONTEH WAS EXPECTED PRESENT APPLICATION FOR CABINET APPROVAL ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15. SHE SAID SHE KNEW OF NO PENDING PROBLEMS WITH APPLICATION, BUT COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT EXPRESS OPINION WHETHER APPLICATION WOULD BE APPROVED.

3. I TOLD MRS. DEIGH I WOULD CALL ON HER AGAIN AT END OF WEEK TO SEE IF APPLICATION HAD BEEN APPROVED.
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